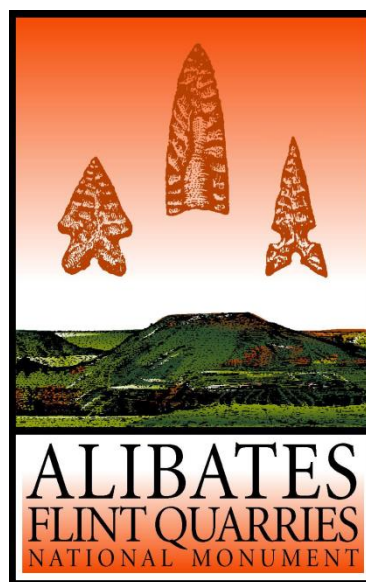
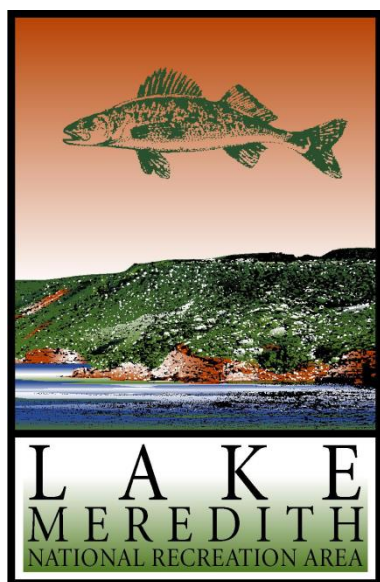


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2014
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM
of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other
Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority



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AUTHORITY

Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements, and other Restrictions and/or Specifications imposed under the Discretionary Authority of the Superintendent **Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1.** Under the authority of 16 U.S.C., Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, this Compendium of Superintendent's Orders is established for Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. Regulations listed in this compendium are a requirement in addition to those listed in Parts 1-7 of Title 36. In addition to these regulations, the following are also provided:

Written determinations that explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority are required by § 1.5 (c) and appear in this document as italicized print.

§ 1.6 states that a list must be maintained of those activities that require a permit. That list appears in this document under § 1.6.

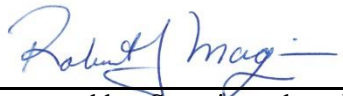
As required by § 1.7 (b), these regulations, permit requirements, and written determinations shall be updated annually and made available to the public upon request.



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Part 1

Superintendent's Compendium and Determinations 36 CFR

§1.5 VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITY.

(a) Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the superintendent may:

(1) Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use or activity.

Visiting Hours:

Park Headquarters

- Summer Season (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:00 am-4:30 pm 6 days/week. Open federal holidays.
- Winter Season (Labor Day-Memorial Day): 8:00 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday. Closed federal holidays.

Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Visitor Center

- Summer Season (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 9:30 am-5:30 pm 7 days/week.
- Winter Season (Labor Day-Memorial Day): 8:00 am-4:30 pm 7 days/week.
- Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas

Public Use Limits:

The Stilling Basin below the Sanford Dam is closed to all hunting, and any vessel or device propelled by machinery.

Determination: This area has been designated for swimming, scuba diving, paddle propelled watercraft and fishing and has a public use limit imposed for public safety.

The Spring Canyon Wetlands Boardwalk is closed to fishing.

Determination: This area has been designated for wildlife viewing, wetlands education and interpretation. Fishing would cause a user conflict.

During the Annual Small Fry Fishing Tournament fishing at the Stilling Basin will be restricted to registered participants only.

Determination: This public use limit will ensure that the registered participants (children) have fish to catch and the rules and regulations of the tournament are upheld.

Backcountry areas across the Canadian River at the Mullinaw Crossing are closed to access by motor vehicle(s) except during the park's general deer hunting season as determined by the superintendent.

Determination: The Mullinaw Crossing may be closed due to periods of high fire danger, periods of high water, inclement weather, impassability, and other conditions that threaten visitor safety during hunting

season. To include, that a closure is necessary for the improvement of public hunting or to protect and improve resources and manage wildlife.

Visitors seventeen years or younger must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian after the hours of 12:00 a.m. within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

Determination: The purpose of this public use limit is to maintain consistency with the surrounding communities' curfew times.

Hunting grasshoppers for personal consumption within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is prohibited without a special use permit.

Determination: Due to resource damage issues of such magnitude a permit will be required to regulate and provide guidance for this activity.

Areas in the park may be closed to public use for resource protection. These areas will be designated with fencing, barriers and/or signs stating that a closure is in effect.

Determination: These closures will be based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of archeological, cultural, or natural resources, and public safety.

Closures: §1.5(a)(1) CRITICAL STRUCTURES AND AREAS

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's (CRMWA) critical structures and facilities including the Sanford Dam project.

Determination: Closures of these areas will maintain the integrity and security as mandated by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The waters of Lake Meredith within 750 feet of the intake tower.

Determination: The Park's Superintendent and the Bureau of Reclamation have closed this area due to public safety, health concerns and to prevent clean water contamination.

The pond below the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's pumping station.

Determination: The Park's Superintendent and the Bureau of Reclamation have closed this area due to public safety and health concerns.

Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument including Alibates Ruins and Petroglyphs except for NPS guided programs or by authorization of the Superintendent.

Determination: Closure of this area is warranted due to the protection of concentrated sensitive archeological resources.

McBride House except by authorized personal.

Determination: This closure will maintain the integrity of a cultural resource.

Closures: §1.5(a)(1) HUNTING AREAS

Hunting is permitted at Lake Meredith NRA in accordance with 36 CFR 7.57 and 36 CFR 2.2.

Areas of Lake Meredith NRA that are closed to hunting will be posted on the hunting maps located at headquarters or by special proclamation. Closed areas include:

- Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument and Alibates Ruins and Petroglyphs
- Blue West camping area
- Blue Creek camping area
- Harbor Bay (day board marker 15) to and including Spring Canyon
- McBride Canyon camping area

- Mullinaw Creek camping areas and trail head
- Plum Creek camping areas
- Plum Creek Windmill
- Rosita Meadows to Bull Taco Hill.
- Within 200 yards of any areas marked by a yellow circle on the hunting map.

Determination: These closures and public use limits are in place to ensure public safety and resource protection.

Closed Seasons include:

- **Fall Turkey Season as designated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual.**

Determination: Due to the overlapping of hunting seasons and areas, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is closed to Fall Turkey Season for public safety.

- **Fall Turkey Special Youth Season.**

Determination: Due to the overlapping of hunting seasons and areas, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is closed to Fall Turkey Special Youth Season for public safety.

- **Hutchinson County White-Tail Deer Special Late Season (antlerless and spike buck) is closed.**

Determination: This season conflicts with the special youth season and the general deer seasons for the remainder of park lands.

Closures: §1.5(a)(1) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.
- **Definition:**
The term “unmanned aircraft” means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational element and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Determination: Pursuant to Section 8.2.2 of NPS Management Policies 2006 states that a new form of recreational activity will not be allowed within a park until a superintendent has made a determination that it will be appropriate and not cause unacceptable impacts. These closures will be based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of archaeological, cultural, or natural resources, and public safety.

1.5(a) (2) SPECIFIC USE/ACTIVITY DESIGNATION, RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and or restrictions as noted.

Camping:

- Refer to 36CFR§2.10 for detailed camping area designations and restrictions.

Horse and Pack Animal Areas:

- Refer to 36CFR§2.16 for detailed designations and restrictions.

Boat Launch Sites:

- Refer to 36CFR§3.8 Prohibited Operations.

Wakeless Areas:

- Refer to 36CFR§3.8 Prohibited Operations

Swimming Beaches:

- Spring Canyon's Stilling Basin has been designated as a swimming beach area. Refer to 36CFR§3.17 for specific restrictions. The swimming area is marked by ropes, buoys, and signs.
- *Determination: A separate area for swimmers offers an environment free of hazards from boats and fishing lines.*

SCUBA Diving:

- Refer to 36CFR§3.18 SCUBA and Snorkeling

Off Road Sites:

- Blue Creek and Rosita areas. Refer to 36CFR§7.57 (a) (b) for specific restrictions.
Determination: Both areas are located in a creek bed or flood plain. The degradation of resources would be minimal and renewed in times of high water levels.

Bicycle Areas:

- Plum Creek to Devil's Canyon. Refer to 36CFR§4.30(d) for specific restrictions.
Determination: The trail mentioned is also used as horse trail and but was once a designated road and therefore open to bicycles.
- Harbor Bay Trail. Refer to 36CFR §4.30(e) for specific restrictions.

Hunting:**SHOTGUN and ARCHERY AREAS**

These areas will be posted on the hunting map located at park headquarters or by special proclamation.

- Bugbee area
- North Canyon
- McBride to Mullinaw on the east side of the road
- The north side of the Sanford Yake road
- Blue West area
- Rosita Meadows to Tin Cup on the North side of river
- Bonita Creek

Determination: These closures and public use limits are in place to ensure public safety and resource protection.

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Glass Bottles and Containers

- No person shall possess or display glass bottles or glass containers on the grounds of the entire Stilling Basin area (behind the Sanford Dam) at Spring Canyon.

Determination: Glass containers were determined to be unsafe and detrimental to public health and safety.

Personal Water Craft Use:

- Refer to 36CFR§3.9

Boating and Water Activities:

Kite Tubing, Kite Boarding, and Parasailing:

- Kite tubing, boarding, parasailing and similar activities requiring a tow vessel or tow vehicle for the purposes of providing flight of participants and/or apparatus are prohibited within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. Kite boarding, kite surfing, and similar tethered activities requiring a parasail, kite, wing, or similar tethered apparatus attached to the participant or flotation device, for the specific purpose of providing propulsion or air flight are prohibited.
- This recreation is not intended to limit or curtail activities associated with conventional recreational pursuits including sailing, sail boarding, water skiing, knee boarding, or wake boarding.

*Determination: Kite tubing and boarding represent a separate but similar set of risks and dangers to visitors at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area because of the basic uncontrolled nature of the apparatus. **Kite tubes** can rise up to 60' above the water surface and travel at speeds up to 35-40 mph. The operator may impact the water surface at high speeds, near vertical angles, and unusual body positions, significantly increasing the risk of injury. **Kite boarders** are dependent upon air movement and have little control over the general direction of travel, which interferes with other visitors engaged in traditional water recreation activities such as sailing, water skiing, fishing, etc. **Parasailing** also represents potential risks due to extremely long lines, often in excess of 1000', straight line travel, and large open spaces of shoreline, which increases the risk of interference or collision with other park visitors. The tow vessel requires sustained forward momentum, and it is extremely difficult for the tow vessel to maneuver or stop quickly to avoid vessels and water hazards.*

Overnight Camping with Horses or Pack Animals:

- Requires a special use permit in areas not designated in §2.16(b)

Determination: This will insure public safety and resource protection.

Group/Special Use (15 or More People) Activities:

- A permit will be required for group use activities, picnicking, family reunions, etc.

Determination: Establishing conditions for group use is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental and scenic values, and avoiding conflict among visitor use activities.

Fishing: Refer to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual and §2.22 Property in the General Regulations section of this compendium for regulations concerning:

- **Juglines (non-commercial)**
- **Trotlines**

Determination: The above fishing methods are allowed by state law and are a traditional use for this area.

Hunting: ALL

- All hunters during the general deer season and special youth whitetail deer season are required to wear blaze orange. Hat and vest with the combined total area equaling 500 square inches must be worn conspicuously above the waist. Exception: Migratory bird hunters on the waters of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

Determination: The wearing of blaze orange for all hunters during these two seasons is for public safety.

Baiting

- Baiting of wildlife is prohibited.

Determination: This restriction is consistent with §2.2(a) (2) Wildlife Protection.

Turkey

- Archery Season (observed) – Gobbler Only
- Spring Season (observed)– Shotgun or Archery Only

Determination: Restrictions on sex is to help increase the population. Means and methods insure public safety.

Rabbit and Coyote

- Season will coincide with the state's Quail season.

Determination: The shortening of this season allows all wildlife species a period of rest to alleviate stress and help increase the population of all wildlife species.

Raccoon (Fur-Bearing, Recreational Harvest Only)

- Season will coincide with the state's Quail season.
- The use of artificial light is prohibited.

Determination: The shortening of this season allows all wildlife species a period of rest to alleviate stress and help increase population. Prohibiting the use of artificial light is consistent with §2.2 (e) Wildlife protection

1.5(d) Activities related to Public Use Limits

- Group use (15 or more people) activities, picnicking, family reunions, etc.,
- Overnight horse or pack animals' use in areas not designated in §2.16(b).
- SCUBA instruction
- Commercial or salvage diving
- Possession of large quantities of alcohol
- Grasshopper hunting for personal consumption

§1.6 Permits

(a) When authorized by regulations set forth in this chapter, the superintendent may issue a permit to authorize an otherwise prohibited or restricted activity or impose a public use limit. The activity authorized by a permit shall be consistent with applicable legislation, Federal regulations and administrative policies, and based upon a determination that public health and safety, environmental or scenic values, natural or cultural resources, scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, proper allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities will not be adversely impacted.

(c) The public will be informed of the existence of a permit requirement in accordance with 36CFR§ 1.7 of this chapter.

- Seven days advance notice is required to request a special use permit.

(f) A compilation of those activities requiring a permit shall be maintained by the superintendent and available to the public upon request.

The following activities require permits in accordance with the 36CFR Sections listed:

§2.5(a) Specimen Collection

§2.4 (d)(1)(3) Weapons, Trap and Nets

§2.10(a) Camping

- Group Use (15 or more people)
- Overnight Horse or Pack animal use as designated in §2.16(b)

§2.12(a)(2)(3)(4) Public Address System
 §2.23(a)(b) Recreation Fees as provided for in 36CFR Part 71
 §2.38(b) Explosives (fireworks)
 §2.50(a) Special Events – Fishing Tournaments, Sailboat Regattas, Endurance Rides
 §2.51(a) Public Assemblies, Meetings
 §2.52(a) Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter
 §2.62(b) Memorialization
 36CFR Part 3 Boating and Water Use Activities
 § 4.11(a) Load, Weight and Size Limits
 §5.1 Advertisements
 §5.3 Business Operations
 §5.5(a)(b) Commercial Photography/Filming
 §5.6(c) Commercial Vehicles
 36CFR Part 7 Special Regulations
 36CFR Part 9 Minerals Management
 36CFR Part 14 Right-Of-Way
 36CFR Part 51 Concession Contracts
 36CFR Part 71 Recreation Fees

RESOURCE PROTECTION PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION GENERAL REGULATIONS

Part 2

§ 2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the following is prohibited:

(4) Using or possessing wood gathered from within the park area: Provided, however, that the superintendent may designate areas where dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park area.

The gathering of dead and downed wood within the park for the purpose of campfires within the park is permitted.

Determination: The limited collection of firewood is a traditional use in this region and causes no significant detrimental effects to the resources.

(c)(1) The superintendent may designate certain fruits, berries, nuts, or unoccupied sea shells which may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption upon a written determination that the gathering or consumption will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise affect park resources.

The picking of wild fruits and greens, nuts and unoccupied shells for personal use and consumption is permitted.

Determination: The gathering or consumption will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

§ 2.2 Wildlife Protection

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- Lake Meredith National Recreation Area
- Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument

§ 2.3 Fishing

- (a) Except in designated areas or as provided in this section, fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries a park area or portion thereof is located. Nonconflicting State laws are adopted as a part of these regulations.
- (d)(2) (2) Possessing or using as bait for fishing in fresh waters, live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibians, nonpreserved fish eggs or fish roe, except in designated waters.
- **Under 7.57 Special Regulations (d) Fishing.** Unless otherwise designated, fishing in a manner authorized under applicable State law is allowed.

Determination: Lake Meredith is a manmade reservoir which is fed by the Canadian River. Non-native species were already established prior to the NPS gaining full jurisdictional authority in 1990. No scientific data indicates that the introduction of additional numbers or types of non-native species would impact populations of native species adversely, and park management plans do not call for elimination of non-native fish species.

Prohibited:

(d)(8) Fishing from motor road bridges, from or within 200 feet of a public raft or float designated for water sports, or within the limits of locations designated as swimming beaches, surfing areas, or public boat docks, except in designated areas.

- All launch ramp courtesy docks are open to fishing except when being used by vessels and/or pedestrian traffic (i.e. lines must be brought in)

§ 2.4 Weapons, Traps, and Nets

(a)(1)(iii) using a weapon, trap or net is prohibited.

- Target practice, “plinking”, sighting in weapons, other types of discharges.

Determination: The Park does not have an approved area or facility for the public to use.

§ 2.10 Camping and Food Storage

(a) The superintendent may require permits, designate sites or areas, and establish conditions for camping.

- No person shall be permitted to camp at any location within Lake Meredith National Recreation Area for more than 14 consecutive days within a 30 day period. The total days may not exceed 60 days per calendar year. Exceptions:
 - Camping will be permitted between October 1 and December 31 for hunting activities for up to 30 consecutive days.
- Camping is prohibited in all developed boat ramp parking lots. Exceptions:
 - The lower parking lot at Cedar Canyon is open for camping.
 - Plum Creek and Alibates boat ramp parking lots will be open for camping during general deer hunting season.
- Camping and picnic sites shall not be reserved. Sites will be occupied on a first come first serve basis.

(b) The following are prohibited:

(3) Camping within 25 feet of a water hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water, except as designated.

- Camping within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is permitted.

Determination: The geological features in some areas of the park are not conducive to camping farther than 100 feet from a flowing stream, river or lake. Impacts to resources would be minimal.

§ 2.13 Fires

(a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Lighting or maintaining a fire, except in designated areas or receptacles and under conditions that may be established by the superintendent.

- Developed areas – Fires are prohibited except in designated fire grills, portable stoves or grills, or other containers that keep the fire out of contact with the ground.
- Undeveloped areas – Fires in designated fire grills, fire rings, portable stoves or grills, or small ground fires three feet in diameter or less and encircled by a barrier are permitted.
- Backcountry areas – Any and all types of open fires are prohibited. The use of portable stoves only is permitted.
- Ground fires are prohibited on the designated swimming beach at Spring Canyon.
- The burning of materials containing hardware (i.e. pallets) is prohibited.
- The burning of garbage, refuse, and discarded materials regardless of the physical makeup of the items is prohibited.

(b) Fires shall be extinguished upon termination of use and in accordance with such conditions as may be established by the superintendent.

- All unattended fires must be completely extinguished with no burning material remaining.

§ 2.15 Pets

(a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Possessing a pet in a public building, public transportation vehicle, or location designated as a swimming beach, or any structure or area closed to the possession of pets by the superintendent.

- Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument
- Fritch Fortress Amphitheater
- Spring Canyon

(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object, except in designated areas or under conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

- Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object in a humane manner (with adequate food, water and shade or shelter) is permitted within campsites provided the pet doesn't make unreasonable noise as prohibited in § 2.15 (a) (4).

(5) Failing to comply with pet excrement disposal conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

- In all developed areas (campgrounds, picnic areas, marinas, parking lots, boat ramps, etc.) pet excrement must be disposed of by the pet owner, either in the nearest trash receptacle, or carried out.
- In all undeveloped areas (backcountry campsites, trails, etc.) pet excrement must be disposed of by the pet owner, either by packing it out or removing it to an area out of contact of other visitors and a minimum of 100 feet from any water source.
- Horses' or pack animals' excrement will be removed from campsites.

(b) In park areas where hunting is allowed, dogs may be used in support of these activities in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws and in accordance with conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

- Bird and Coon dogs are allowed to be used to support hunting activities. All dogs must be in compliance with §2.15 (a) (2) when not actively hunting or outside of a hunting area.
- Training hunting dogs outside the legal hunting season is prohibited.

§ 2.16 Horses and Pack Animals

The following are prohibited

(b) The use of horses or pack animals outside of trails, routes or areas designated for their use. The use of horses and pack animals are permitted in the following areas:

- Day Use –
 - All of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area except for the portion of the National Recreation Area beginning at Harbor Bay and extending northeasterly to and including Spring Canyon
 - The area north of Cedar Canyon Road and west of Sanford-Yake Road
- Overnight Use – Plum Creek, Blue Creek, Mullinaw Creek, McBride Canyon, Rosita and Upper Cedar Canyon.

§ 2.20 Skating, Skateboards, and Similar Devices

- The use of roller skates, roller skis, roller blades, skateboards, and coasting vehicles or similar devices is prohibited within Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

§ 2.21 Smoking

(a) The superintendent may designate a portion of a park area, or all or portion of a building, structure or facility as closed to smoking when necessary to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities. Smoking in an area or location so designated is prohibited. The following areas are closed to smoking.

- All federally owned or leased buildings
- Fritch Fortress Amphitheater seating area.
- Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument including Alibates Ruins and Petroglyphs
- Comfort Stations and Outbacks
- Spring Canyon Wetlands Boardwalk

§ 2.22 Property

(a) The following are prohibited:

(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours, except in locations where longer time periods have been designated or in accordance with conditions established by the superintendent.

- Legally registered vehicles and boat trailers may be left unattended at approved parking areas for 48 hours while the associated and permitted vessel is in use on the water.
- Juglines (non-commercial) must be marked with a valid Gear Tag attached within 6 inches of the free-floating device; Gear Tag will be valid for 30 days.
- Trotlines must be marked with a valid Gear Tag attached within 3 feet of the first hook at each end of the trotline; Gear Tag will be valid for 30 days.

(b) Impoundment of Property

(2) Unattended property that interferes with visitor safety, orderly management of the park area, or presents a threat to park resources may be impounded by the superintendent at any time.

§ 2.23 Recreation Fees

- (a) Recreation fees shall be established as provided for in part 71 of this chapter.
- Lake Meredith National Recreation Area has established recreation fees for lake use (vessels).
 - All vessels requiring state registration on Lake Meredith, including those in fishing tournaments, must display a valid Lake Meredith National Recreation Area recreational lake use permit.
 - Annual permit - \$40.00 – Valid 12 months from the purchase date.
 - 3 consecutive day permit - \$10.00
 - 1 day permit - \$4.00
 - Golden Age/Senior or Golden Access/Access Passes will be honored
 - Amistad National Recreation Area recreational lake use permits will be honored and Amistad National Recreation Area will honor our lake use permits
- (c) The superintendent may, when in the public interest, prescribe periods during which the collection of recreation fees shall be suspended.
- Lake Meredith National Recreation Area recreational lake use permit will be suspended annually on Founders Day (National Park Service free fee day).

§ § 2.51 Demonstrations.

(a) *Demonstrations.* The term “demonstrations” includes demonstrations, picketing, speechmaking, marching, holding vigils or religious services, and all other like forms of conduct that involve the communication or expression of views or grievances, engaged in by one or more persons, the conduct of which is reasonably likely to attract a crowd or onlookers. This term does not include casual park use by visitors or tourists that is not reasonably likely to attract a crowd or onlookers.

(b) *Permits and the small group permit exception.* Demonstrations are allowed within park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2) of this section, when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity, except that:

(1) Demonstrations involving 25 persons or fewer may be held without a permit within designated park areas, provided that:

(i) None of the reasons for denying a permit that are set out in paragraph (f) of this section are present;

(ii) The group is not merely an extension of another group already availing itself of the small group permit exception under this provision;

(iii) They will not unreasonably interfere with other permitted demonstrations and special events, or park program activities; and

(iv) Hand-carried signs may be used, but stages, platforms, or structures may not be used.

(2) While it is not mandatory, the organizer is requested to provide reasonable notice of the proposed event to the park superintendent, including whether there is any reason to believe that there may be an attempt to disrupt, protest, or prevent the activity.

(3) The 25-person maximum for the small group permit exception may be reduced for a designated available area, but only if:

(i) A written determination that a 25-person group cannot be reasonably physically accommodated within that area is approved by the regional director; and

(ii) The written determination is made available at the office of the superintendent and by public notice under § 1.7 of this chapter.

(4) In the event that two or more groups taking advantage of the small group permit exception seek to use the same designated available area at the same time, and the area cannot reasonably accommodate multiple occupancy, the superintendent will, whenever possible, direct the later-arriving group to relocate to another nearby designated available area.

(c) *Designated available park areas.* (1) Locations may be designated as available for demonstrations under this section, and for the sale or distribution of printed matter under § 2.52, only if these activities would not:

(i) Cause injury or damage to park resources;

(ii) Unreasonably impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility maintained in wilderness, natural, historic, or commemorative zones;

(iii) Unreasonably interfere with interpretive, visitor service, or other program activities, or with the administrative activities of the National Park Service;

(iv) Substantially impair the operation of public use facilities or services of National Park Service concessioners, holders of commercial use authorizations, or contractors;

(v) Present a clear and present danger to the public health and safety; or

(vi) Be incompatible with the nature and traditional use of the particular park area involved.

(2) The superintendent must designate on a map, which must be available in the office of the superintendent and by public notice under § 1.7 of this chapter, the locations designated as available for demonstrations and the sale or distribution of printed matter.

(d) *Application for permit.* A permit application must provide:

(1) The name of the applicant or the name of the organization (if any);

(2) The date, time, duration, nature, and place of the proposed event;

(3) An estimate of the number of persons expected to attend;

(4) A statement of equipment and facilities to be used;

(5) Whether there is any reason to believe that there will be an attempt to disrupt, protest, or prevent the event; and

(6) Any other information required by the permit application form.

(e) The superintendent must not accept an application more than one year before the proposed event (including time required for set-up); applications received more than a year in advance will be returned to the applicant.

(f) *Processing the application.* The superintendent must issue a permit or a written denial within ten days of receiving a complete and fully executed application. A permit will be approved unless:

- (1) The superintendent has granted or will grant a prior application for a permit for the same time and place, and the activities authorized by that permit do not reasonably allow multiple occupancy of that particular area;
 - (2) It reasonably appears that the event will present a clear and present danger to public health or safety;
 - (3) The event is of such nature or duration that it cannot reasonably be accommodated in the particular location applied for, considering such things as damage to park resources or facilities, impairment of a protected area's atmosphere of peace and tranquility, interference with program activities, or impairment of public use facilities;
 - (4) The location applied for has not been designated as available under paragraph (c)(2) of this section;
 - (5) The application was submitted more than one year before the proposed event (including set-up); or
 - (6) The activity would constitute a violation of an applicable law or regulation.
- (g) *Written denial of permit.* If a permit is denied, the superintendent will inform the applicant in writing of the denial and the reasons for it.
- (h) *Permit conditions.* The permit may contain conditions reasonably consistent with the requirements of public health and safety, protection of park resources, and the use of the park area for the purposes for which it was established. It may also contain reasonable limitations on the equipment used and the time and area within which the event is allowed.
- (i) *Permit duration.* (1) Permits may be issued for a maximum of 14 consecutive days.
- (2) A permit may be extended for up to 14 days, but a new application must be submitted for each extension requested.
- (3) The extension may be denied if another applicant has requested use of the same location and the location cannot reasonably accommodate multiple occupancy.
- (j) *Violation prohibited.* Violation of these regulations or the terms of the permit is prohibited.
- (k) *Permit revocation, termination of small group exception.* (1) The superintendent may revoke a permit for any violation of its terms and conditions.
- (2) The superintendent may revoke a permit, or order a small group permit exception activity to cease, when any of the conditions listed in paragraph (f) of this section exist.
- (3) The superintendent will make the revocation or order to cease in writing, with the reasons clearly set forth. In emergency circumstances the superintendent will make an immediate verbal revocation or order to cease, followed by written confirmation within 72 hours.

§ 2.52 Sale or distribution of printed matter

- (a) *Printed Matter.* The term “printed matter” means message-bearing textual printed material such as books, pamphlets, magazines, and leaflets, provided that it is not solely commercial advertising.

(b) *Permits and the small group permit exception.* The sale or distribution of printed matter is allowed within park areas designated as available under § 2.51(c)(2) when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity, except that:

(1) Sale or distribution activity by 25 persons or fewer may be conducted without a permit within designated park areas, provided that:

(i) None of the reasons for denying a permit that are set out in paragraph (e) of this section are present;

(ii) The group is not merely an extension of another group already availing itself of the small group permit exception under this provision;

(iii) The sale or distribution will not unreasonably interfere with other permitted demonstrations and special events, or program activities; and

(iv) Hand-carried signs may be used, but stages, platforms, or structures may not be used.

(2) While it is not mandatory, the organizer is requested to provide reasonable notice of the proposed event to the park superintendent, including whether there is any reason to believe that there may be an attempt to disrupt, protest, or prevent the activity.

(3) The 25-person maximum for the small group permit exception may be reduced for a designated available area, but only if:

(i) A written determination that a 25-person group cannot be reasonably physically accommodated within that area is approved by the regional director; and

(ii) The written determination is made available at the office of the superintendent and by public notice under § 1.7 of this chapter.

(4) In the event that two or more groups taking advantage of the small group permit exception seek to use the same designated available area at the same time, and the area cannot reasonably accommodate multiple occupancy, the superintendent will, whenever possible, direct the later arriving group to relocate to another nearby designated available area.

(c) *Application for permit.* An application must provide:

(1) The name of the applicant or the name of the organization (if any);

(2) The date, time, duration, nature, and place of the proposed event;

(3) An estimate of the number of persons expected to attend;

(4) A statement of equipment and facilities to be used;

(5) Whether there is any reason to believe that there will be an attempt to disrupt, protest, or prevent the event; and

(6) Any other information required by the permit application form.

(d) The superintendent must not accept an application more than one year before the proposed event (including time required for set-up); applications received more than a year in advance will be returned to the applicant.

(e) *Processing the application.* The superintendent must issue a permit or a written denial within ten days of receiving a complete and fully executed application. A permit will be approved unless:

(1) The superintendent has granted or will grant a prior application for a permit for the same time and place, and the activities authorized by that permit do not reasonably allow multiple occupancy of the particular area;

(2) It reasonably appears that the sale or distribution will present a clear and present danger to the public health and safety;

(3) The number of persons engaged in the sale or distribution exceeds the number that can reasonably be accommodated in the particular location applied for, considering such things as damage to park resources or facilities, impairment of a protected area's atmosphere of peace and tranquility, interference with program activities, or impairment of public use facilities;

(4) The location applied for has not been designated as available under § 2.51(c)(2);

(5) The application was submitted more than one year before the proposed event (including set-up); or

(6) The activity would constitute a violation of an applicable law or regulation.

(f) *Written denial of permit.* If a permit is denied, the superintendent will inform the applicant in writing of the denial and the reasons for it.

(g) *Permit conditions.* The permit may contain conditions reasonably consistent with the requirements of public health and safety, protection of park resources, and the use of the park area for the purposes for which it was established.

(h) *Permit duration.* (1) Permits may be issued for a maximum of 14 consecutive days.

(2) A permit may be extended for up to 14 days, but a new application must be submitted for each extension requested.

(3) The extension may be denied if another applicant has requested use of the same location and the location cannot reasonably accommodate multiple occupancy.

(i) *Misrepresentation.* It is prohibited for persons engaged in the sale or distribution of printed matter under this section to misrepresent the purposes or affiliations of those engaged in the sale or distribution, or to misrepresent whether the printed matter is available without cost or donation.

(j) *Violation prohibited.* Violation of these regulations or the terms of the permit is prohibited.

(k) *Permit revocation, termination of small group exception.* (1) The superintendent may revoke a permit for any violation of its terms and conditions.

- (2) The superintendent may revoke a permit, or order a small group permit exception activity to cease, when any of the conditions listed in paragraph (e) of this section exist.
- (3) The superintendent will make the revocation or order to cease in writing, with the reasons clearly set forth. In emergency circumstances the superintendent will make an immediate verbal revocation or order to cease, followed by written confirmation within 72 hours.

Part 3

BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES

§ 3.3 Permits

The superintendent may require a permit for use of a vessel within a park area in accordance with the criteria and procedures of § 1.6 of this chapter.

- All vessels requiring state registration are required to obtain a valid Lake Meredith National Recreation Area recreational lake use fee permit.
- A valid permit must be displayed within 14 days of mooring a vessel in the park at authorized slips.
- An annual fee machine receipt must be exchanged for an annual decal within 14 days or by the expiration date indicated on the receipt.
- The annual decal must be affixed to the port side of the vessel six inches aft of the registration.
- Amistad National Recreation Area recreational lake use permit will be honored at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Amistad National Recreation Area will honor Lake Meredith's boat permit.

§ 3.8 Prohibited Operations

The following is prohibited:

(a)(2) Launching or recovering a vessel, except at a launch site designated by the superintendent. Vessels may not operate at greater than flat wake speed in the following designated areas:

The following areas/sites are designated for the launching of vessels and are subject to closure and or public use limits. Closures and public use limits will be posted by signs and or public proclamation.

- Developed Sites: Harbor Bay Launch Ramp, Fritch Fortress Launch Ramp, Cedar Canyon Launch Ramp, Sanford Yake Launch Ramp, And Blue West Launch Ramp, and RR Launch Ramp.
- Undeveloped launch sites: Bugbee, Chimney Hollow, Bates Canyon, Plum Creek, and Dolomite Point. Harbor bay duck boat launching include: Layouts, Sneak Boats, Marsh Boats, Duck Skiffs and Sculls.
- Other areas may be designated as temporary launch sites depending on water levels and safe launching conditions.

(a)(4) Operating a vessel in excess of a length, width, or horsepower restriction established by the superintendent in accordance with §§ 1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter. For the purposes of this paragraph, vessel length is measured according to criteria established in 46 CFR chapter I or 33 CFR chapter I.

- Vessels must be under 75 feet in length. Total length will be determined by straight line measurement from the foremost part of the vessel to the aft most part of the vessel, measured end to end over the deck, and measured parallel to the centerline, with all appurtenances, (excluding gangplanks) in a fully extended position

- Vessels must be less than 22 foot beam. Total beam will be determined by a straight-line measurement from the outer most sides of the vessel at its widest point with all appurtenances in a fully extended position
- (b)(3) Operating a vessel in excess of flat wake speed in designated areas.
- Flat Wake Zones are: South Canyon, Sexy Canyon, Cedar Canyon, Amphitheater Cove, Day Marker 9 South Cove, Middle Cove, Day Marker 11 North Cove, Fritch Canyon, Short Creek, Canal Canyon, Evans Canyon, North Turkey Creek, Bugbee Canyon, and North Canyon.
 - Flat wake areas are designated by buoys marked with "flat wake" or "no wake" or similar markings.
 - The location of these buoys may be adjusted by the Superintendent based on reservoir water levels

§ 3.9 Personal Watercraft (PWC)

- PWC's are authorized under Special Regulations §7.57(g)(2)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(3).

§ 3.12 Towing

(a) The towing of a person by a vessel is allowed only in designated waters, and in accordance with conditions established by the superintendent under §§ 1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter.

§ 3.17 Swimming and Bathing

(a) The superintendent may designate areas as swimming areas or swimming beaches in accordance with §§ 1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter.

- Swimming is permitted except in mooring areas, launching and docking areas, ponds below the Sanford Dam, posted area of the Stilling Basin, and any other area posted as closed to swimming or visitor use.
- (c) The superintendent may prohibit the use or possession of flotation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible activities in swimming areas or swimming beaches in accordance with §§ 1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter.

Glass containers are prohibited at the following designated swimming beaches:

- Spring Canyon
- The use of any soap, detergent or shampoo is prohibited in Lake Meredith.

§ 3.18 SCUBA and snorkeling

- (a) Snorkeling and underwater diving is allowed in park waters, subject to closures or restrictions designated by the superintendent in accordance with §§ 1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter.
- SCUBA diving and snorkeling within locations designated as swimming, docking, or mooring areas, except in accordance with conditions which may be established by the superintendent.
 - SCUBA diving is permitted in the Stilling Basin posted areas.
 - Approved salvage or recovery operations under the provisions approved by the superintendent specifying purpose, exact location, time and conditions of the dive.

Part 4

VEHICLES and TRAFFIC SAFETY

§ 4.21 Speed Limits

(a) Park area speed limits are as follows:

(1) 15 miles per hour: within all school zones, campgrounds, picnic areas, parking areas, utility areas, business or residential areas, other places of public assemblage and at emergency scenes.

(2) 25 miles per hour: upon sections of park road under repair or construction.

(3) 45 miles per hour: upon all other park roads.

(b) The superintendent may designate a different speed limit upon any park road when a speed limit set forth in paragraph (a) of this section is determined to be unreasonable, unsafe or inconsistent with the purposes for which the park area was established. Speed limits shall be posted by using standard traffic control devices.

- 10 mph areas:
 - Stilling Basin Loop Road
 - Cedar Canyon lower undeveloped area
 - All road areas approaching boat ramps
- 15 mph area other than areas under §4.21(a)(1)
 - All roads in the McBride Canyon area
 - All roads in the Mullinaw area
 - Sanford-Yake Loop
 - Fritch Fortress Picnic Areas
 - Rosita Area – The two main roads
- 30 mph areas other than areas under §4.21(b)
 - Spring Canyon Road
 - Sanford-Yake Road – Top of the hill entering developed areas
 - Fritch Fortress Road
 - Cedar Canyon Road
 - Water Authority Road
 - Blue West Loop Road
 - Amphitheater Road
 - Bugbee Road
- 35 mph areas:
 - Sanford-Yake Road
 - Plum Creek Road
 - Blue West Road

§ 4.30 Bicycles

- **(a) *Park roads.*** The use of a bicycle is permitted on park roads and in parking areas that are otherwise open for motor vehicle use by the general public. Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas, and on the following designated routes:
 - Plum Creek Trail
 - Harbor Bay Trail
 - Mullinaw Creek Trail
 - Turkey Creek Trail
- **(f) *Closures and other use restrictions.*** A superintendent may limit or restrict or impose conditions on bicycle use or may close any park road, parking area, administrative road, trail, or portion thereof to bicycle use, or terminate such condition, closure, limit or restriction after:
 - **(1)** Taking into consideration public health and safety, natural and cultural resource protection, and other management activities and objectives; and
 - **(2)** Notifying the public through one or more methods listed in § [1.7\(a\)](#) of this chapter.

• **Part 7** **SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

§ 7.57 Special Regulations

Off Road Areas:

(a) The operation of motor vehicles within Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is prohibited outside of established public roads and parking areas, except:

- Blue Creek – Within the cut banks – about 275 acres
- Rosita – Below the 3000 foot contour - about 1500 acres

Safety Helmets (motorcycles):

(b) All riders of 3- and 4- wheelers and motorcycles must wear a DOT-approved safety helmet while riding in an off-road area designated in (a) of this section.

Water Sanitation:

(c) All vessels with marine toilets so constructed as to permit wastes to be discharged directly into the water shall have such facility sealed to prevent discharge. Chemical or other type marine toilets with approved holding tanks or storage containers shall be permitted but will be discharged or emptied only at designated sanitary pumping stations.

Personal Watercraft (PWC)

(g)(1) May operate on Lake Meredith except in the following closed areas:

- Stilling Basin
- Within 750 feet of the Sanford Dam intake tower.
- Waters of the Canadian River

(2) PWC may operate on Lake Meredith under the following conditions:

(i) Fueling of PWC is prohibited on the lake except:

- Onshore out of the water.

(ii) Carrying of fuel in an external or portable container onboard a PWC is prohibited.

(iii) PWC may only be launched at designated launch sites

The following areas/sites are designated for the launching of vessels and are subject to closure and or public use limits. Closures and public use limits will be posted by signs and or public proclamation.

- Developed Sites: Harbor Bay Launch Ramp, Fritch Fortress Launch Ramp, Cedar Canyon Launch Ramp, Sanford Yake Launch Ramp, and Blue West Launch Ramp.
- Undeveloped launch sites: Bugbee, Chimney Hollow, Bates Canyon, Plum Creek, and Dolomite Point.
- Other areas may be designated as temporary launch sites depending on water levels and safe launching conditions.

(iv) PWC may not operate at greater than flat wake speed in the following areas

- North Turkey Creek, Bugbee Canyon, North Canyon, North Cove, South Canyon, Sexy Canyon, Amphitheater Canyon, the coves between day markers 9 and 11, Fritch Canyon, Short Creek, Evans Canyon and Canal Canyon.
- Flat wake areas are designated by buoys marked with "flat wake" or "no wake" or similar markings.
- The location of these buoys may be adjusted by the Superintendent based on reservoir water levels.